

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 325035	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 05/28/2025
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER LA Vida Llena		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 10501 Lagrima DE Oro NE Albuquerque, NM 87111	

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<p>F 0602</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>Protect each resident from the wrongful use of the resident's belongings or money.</p> <p>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** Based on interviews, observation, and record review, the facility failed to protect 1 (R #1) of 1 (R #1) resident from exploitation and misappropriation of property by a sales consultant (SC) at a sister facility (a facility owned by the same company) who fraudulently obtained a \$1,569 refund for R #1's hearing aids after her death. If the facility fails to prevent employees from misusing their positions to access and exploit resident financial information, then residents are at risk for financial harm.</p> <p>The findings are:</p> <p>A. Record review of the facility's Abuse Prevention Policy, dated 05/2024, revealed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All forms of exploitation and financial abuse were prohibited, to include misappropriation of resident property. - Staff to report all suspected abuse immediately Administrator, Director of Nursing, or their designee. - Any staff involved in such allegations will be removed from their assigned duties, pending the outcome of the investigation, pending investigation. <p>B. On [DATE] at 8:00 am, observation of the campus revealed the campus had an independent living facility, an assisted living facility, and a skilled nursing facility. Visitors did not need to sign a log to show they were in the facility and who they visited. Further observation revealed, staff and visitors could move freely throughout the three facilities.</p> <p>C. Record review of R #1's Minimum Data Set (MDS; a federally mandated assessment instrument completed by facility staff), dated [DATE], revealed a Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS; a screening for cognitive impairment) score of 00, severe cognitive impairment.</p> <p>D. Record review of R #1's medical record revealed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - admission date of [DATE] to the Skilled Nursing facility. - Diagnoses of metabolic encephalopathy (any disease or disorder which affects the brain's function or structure), altered mental status, and congestive heart failure. <p>(continued on next page)</p>

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

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The POA-F stated she was not aware the resident's house was for sale, so she conducted research regarding the sale. She stated she found the paperwork for the sale of the house, and it showed SC #1 bought R #1's house for less than market value. She stated the resident was charged over \$25,000 in closing fees from the sale of the house. The POA-F stated she believed the sales money was deposited into R #1's personal bank account. She stated could not verify the money was deposited in the resident's personal bank account, because she could not yet access that account. She stated the facility staff told her the sale of the house was approved by the corporation who owned the Independent Living and the Skilled Nursing facilities. She stated she was told the entire chain of command at the corporation and the Independent Living facility approved the sale. The POA-F stated she was not informed the house was for sale, but she expected to be notified. She stated the resident signed paperwork during the sale of the house, but she most likely signed it because she was told to sign it. She stated she met with R #1 a couple times a year, and she did not believe the resident fully understood what was happening. She stated the R #1 did not have the level of understanding to comprehend the settlement statements and representation during the sale of her house. She stated the resident was vulnerable and easily manipulated. The POA-F stated the resident was on Medicare, and the facility knew how much money the resident had. She stated the resident did not need to sell anything in order to move from the Independent Living facility into the Skilled Nursing facility, because R #1 had plenty of money. She stated there was not a reason for the resident to sell her house below market value. The POA-F stated she contacted the real estate agent who assisted with the sale of R #1's house. She stated the real estate agent became very angry and refused to speak to her. The POA-F stated she went to the visit R #1 at the Skilled Nursing facility three or four days before her death. She stated the resident was asleep when she arrived at the facility. She stated the resident could not hear and preferred to receive text messages. The POA-F stated she texted the resident a message to let her know she stopped by to see her. The POA-F stated the resident's cell phone was on her bedside table, and she saw the message come into the resident's phone. She stated the facility called her after R #1's death and said the resident's belongings were ready for pickup. The POA-F stated the resident's phone was not with her personal belongings. She stated the facility told her they could not find R #1's cell phone. The POA-F stated she still has not received R #1's cell phone. The POA-F stated she was not present at the facility when R #1 passed away, and she knew the POA-HC was not present at the facility at that time. The POA-F stated R #1 did not have any friends, and she did not know who the friend was present in the room when R #1 passed away. R #1's POA-F stated she learned of the hearing aid refund from R #1's POA-HC. She stated the POA-HC called the outside company to cancel R #1's hearing aid fitting appointment, and the outside company told him R #1's grandson already canceled the appointment and collected the refund. The POA-F stated POA-HC asked for more information about the grandson, and the outside company gave him SC #1's contact information. The POA-F stated she contacted SC #1 after she learned SC #1 deposited the \$1,569 refund into his personal account rather than R #1's estate account. She stated SC #1 initially denied any knowledge of the refund. She stated SC #1 called her back several days later and admitted to collecting the refund. The POA-F stated she received a cashier's check from SC #1 by certified mail, but the check was made out to the wrong entity. SC #1 stated she was unable to cash the check. The POA-F stated SC #1 mailed the cashier's check without contacting her first, and that was why the information on the cashier's check was incorrect. The POA-F stated she did not contact the facility regarding the hearing aid refund, because she thought the online complaint report (for the State Agency) went to the facility.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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<p>F 0602</p> <p>Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</p> <p>Residents Affected - Few</p>	<p>H. Record review of the home selling/buying website on which R #1's house was listed for sale revealed the resident's house was listed at \$353,800 and was sold.</p> <p>I. Record review of R #1's Title Company Record of Sale for R #1's house, settlement date [DATE] and reimbursement date [DATE], revealed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The seller of the house was R #1, Trustee of the R #1 revocable trust dated [DATE]; - The buyer of the house was SC #1 and one female. - Sale price of property \$275,000. - The seller paid \$25,082.17 in various fees. - The seller received \$249, 917 for her house. <p>J. Record review of R #1's Inventory of Personal Effects, dated [DATE], revealed the resident had one cell phone on admission to the facility.</p> <p>K. On [DATE] at 11:45 am, during an interview with the Executive Director, R #1's Life Care Plan [long term care service which residents can purchase which allows them to move between the levels of care (independent, assisted, skilled) as required by their medical needs] and medical record from the Independent Living facility was requested. The Executive Director stated R #1 lived in the Independent Living facility, and the Life Care Plan was a part of her records for that facility. The Executive Director stated R #1's Life Care Plan and medical record while at the Independent Living facility did not have anything to do with the resident's time at the Skilled Nursing facility. He stated the facility did not have any banking documents or statements for R #1 for her time at the Skilled Nursing facility. The Executive Director did not provide R#1's Life Care Plan, medical, and financial records from the Independent Living facility.</p> <p>L. On [DATE] at 12:20 pm and on [DATE] at 2:00 pm, during an interview, the Social Worker stated she was responsible to coordinate the communication with hospitals during resident discharges and admissions, to oversee the Social Services Department, and served as the facility's Admissions Administrator. She stated R #1 moved onto the campus as a resident in the Independent Living facility in [DATE]. She stated R #1 invested in the Life Care Plan while living at the Independent Living Facility. She stated SC #1 assisted R #1 with admission into Independent Living facility and with the purchase of her Life Care Plan in [DATE]. She stated R #1 lived in the Independent Living facility, went to the hospital, and then admitted into the Skilled Nursing facility. She stated R #1 moved to the Long Term Care facility on [DATE]. She stated she spoke with the discharging hospital when R #1 transferred from the Independent Living facility to the Skilled Nursing facility. The Social Worker stated the hospital staff referred to R #1's nephew, and they clarified the nephew was SC #1. The Social Worker stated SC #1 was not R #1's nephew. She stated the only staff who should speak to the hospital were the Social Worker, Administrator, or the Director of Nursing (DON). The Social Worker stated she did not know if anyone reported the hospital staff's statement to the Administration. She stated she might have mentioned it to someone, but she could not remember if she did or who she would have told.</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>		

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